

Public Notice

Forest Management Activities at Lake Macbride State Park

The Iowa DNR State Parks and Forestry Bureaus are conducting forest management practices at Lake Macbride State Park that are aimed at improving the long term health and resiliency of the park's woodlands. These practices and other planned work for the future are described in the Forest Stewardship Plan for Lake Macbride, available electronically at www.iowadnr.gov. For questions, please contact the park office at 319-624-2200 or DNR District Forester Mark Vitosh at 319-351-8886.

Current Activities (Updated December, 2015):

Areas labeled A: Forest Stand Improvement - Weed Tree Removal - Felling and some girdling of specific understory trees such as sugar maple, basswood, ironwood, hackberry, boxelder, and white mulberry that interfere with oak regeneration and diversity of native herbaceous plants.

Acres to be treated: 87

Timeframe: Completed March 2015

Areas labeled B: Forest Stand Improvement - Crop tree release – Selective thinning of undesirable overstory trees by girdling or felling to give more space & sunlight to desirable crop trees for improved growth, longevity, and nut production.

Acres to be treated: 22

Timeframe: Completed March 2015

Areas labeled C: Forest Stand Improvement - Invasive Species Removal - Removal/cutting of all non-native invasive species such as honeysuckle, autumn olive, barberry, and multi-flora rose.

Acres to be treated: 101 (includes some areas also labeled B)

Timeframe: Completed October 2015

Areas labeled D: Tree Planting - Planting and tubing of ~ 900 mixed hardwoods (mixed oak and black walnut).

Acres to be treated: 8

Timeframe: Completed Spring 2015

Area labeled E: Harvest & Reforestation – Commercial sale of merchantable trees followed by replanting and felling & girdling of non-merchantable trees to regenerate oak-hickory forest.

Acres to be treated: 3.6

Timeframe: Environmental review completed in Spring and Summer 2014; public meeting held in Fall 2014; harvest completed November 2015; felling, girdling, and tree planting to be completed Winter 2015 through Spring 2016.

Area labeled F: Harvest & Reforestation – Commercial sale of merchantable trees followed by replanting and felling & girdling of non-merchantable trees to regenerate oak-hickory forest.

Acres to be treated: 4.5

Timeframe: Environmental review completed in Spring and Summer 2014; public meeting to be held in Summer 2016 or 2017; work activities to commence in December 2017; project completion anticipated for March 2018.

